

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 850
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ann Zimmerman on
being named Dodson Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those
special persons who dedicate themselves to one of our most important professions, teaching,
and who, through their knowledge, effective skills and love of young people help shape the
leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Ann Zimmerman is one such remarkable citizen, whose exceptional service
as a teacher at Dodson Elementary has not gone unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, Ann Zimmerman was recently chosen as the Dodson Teacher of the Year
for her outstanding performance and estimable contributions to education; and

WHEREAS, this award confers great distinction upon Ann Zimmerman, Dodson
Elementary School and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, serving with unparalleled devotion and genuine concern, she has earned
the respect and esteem of the students, has fueled their thirst for knowledge and inspired them
to strive for the achievement of their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Ann Zimmerman married her high school sweetheart, John Zimmerman, 27 years
ago; together they produced her best students, Rachel and Brian; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Zimmerman received her own diploma from DuPont High School and her Bachelor's Degree from Middle Tennessee State University; she then taught for several years before taking time off to rear her children; and

WHEREAS, "Ms. Z", as she is affectionately known to her students, is a true team player; she continuously seeks opportunities to assist colleagues and mentor younger teachers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Zimmerman currently teaches fifth and sixth grade language and reading courses at Dodson Elementary, although she has taught a variety of grades and subjects during her tenure there, proving her flexibility and adaptability; and

WHEREAS, Ann brings many assets to her classroom, enabling her to create a structured yet flexible environment in which all children may learn and succeed; she has been described as having "an uncanny ability to understand young adolescents"; and

WHEREAS, it is not often that a community is blessed with such a truly talented and giving educator as Ann Zimmerman, who, through her dedication to the profession she loves and the people she treasures, profoundly influences Tennessee's most precious resource, our young people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Ann Zimmerman on being named the Dodson Teacher of the Year and salute her profound devotion to her students and her community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish Ann Zimmerman continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

